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SUBJECT: SOVIET-CUBAN COMMUNIQUE ON MALMIERCA VISIT  
REF: (A) MOSCOW 8261, (B) MOSCOW 8365

SUMMARY: SOVIET-CUBAN COMMUNIQUE (PRAVDA APRIL 25)  
TOUCHES ALL BASES, SEEMS SOMEWHAT LESS MILITANT THAN  
APRIL 18 SPEECHES BY GROMYKO AND MALMIERCA, IMPLICITLY  
INDICATES SOME APPREHENSION OVER NON-ALIGNED  
MOVEMENT AND HITS HARD AT CHINESE. NO HINT OF SOVIET-  
CUBAN DIFFERENCES EMERGES FROM THIS DOCUMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. APRIL 25 PRAVDA CARRIES TEXT OF JOINT SOVIET-CUBAN  
COMMUNIQUE ON APRIL 18-24 VISIT OF CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER  
MALMIERCA. DOCUMENT TOUCHED ON GREAT NUMBER OF FOREIGN  
POLICY ISSUES, PARTICULARLY THOSE RELATED TO DISARMAMENT.  
IN MOST CASES COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE WAS STANDARD AND NON  
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SURPRISING. AMONG MORE INTERESTING POINTS WERE FOLLOWING:  
-- TALKS BETWEEN GROMYKO AND MALMIERCA WERE SAID TO HAVE  
TAKEN PLACE IN ATMOSPHERE OF "COMPLETE MUTUAL UNDER-  
STANDING AND TRUST." THERE IS NO MENTION OF "EXCHANGE  
OF OPINIONS" (IN CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS MEDIA REPORTS  
FOLLOWING MALMIERCA TALKS WITH BOTH BREZHNEV AND GROMYKO).  
COMMUNIQUE CONCLUDES WITH STATEMENT THAT "FULL UNITY OF

VIEWS AND POSITIONS OF THE SIDES WAS EXPRESSED ON ALL QUESTIONS DISCUSSED."

2. SOVIET SIDE HIGHLY ASSESSED CUBA'S "ACTIVE FOREIGN POLICY" WHICH ENABLES STRENGTHENING OF ITS "INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY" AND CUBAN SIDE TWICE (ONCE IN CONTEXT OF SITUATION IN HORN), NOTED ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT WHICH SOVIETS GIVE TO CUBA AND TO "JUST CAUSE" OF ALL ANTI-IMPERIALIST FORCES IN WORLD.

3. ON GENERAL ISSUES, BOTH SIDES:

-- REPEATEDLY STRESSED SOVIET AND CUBAN ROLE IN BRINGING ABOUT "UNITY AND SOLIDARITY" OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND THEIR EVER CLOSER COOPERATION IN INTERNATIONAL ARENA. WITH REGARD TO NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND HAVANA VI NAM CONFERENCE, TWO SIDES STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF "ANTI-IMPERIALIST" STRUGGLE OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, AND EXPRESSED "HOPE" THAT HAVANA CONFERENCE WOULD ENABLE "CONSOLIDATION OF UNITY" OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. ESTABLISHMENT OF EQUAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS WAS MENTIONED, ALMOST IN PASSING, IN CONTEXT OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. -- "CONSISTENTLY" SUPPORTED INTERNATIONAL DETENTE AND ITS EXTENSION TO ALL REGIONS OF THE WORLD.

4. ON LATIN AMERICA, BOTH SIDES:  
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-- NOTED GROWTH OF FORCES OPPOSED TO IMPERIALISM.  
-- CONDEMNED MASS TERROR IN CHILE AND SAID THAT SUPPORT WHICH IMPERIALIST FORCES EXTENDED TO CHILE TESTIFIED TO THE GROUNDLESSNESS OF THEIR CAMPAIGN IN DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS.  
-- CALLED FOR CESSATION OF U.S. ECONOMIC BLOCKADE OF CUBA AND FOR ELIMINATION OF U.S. NAVAL BASE AT GUANTANAMO.

5. ON AFRICA, THE TWO SIDES:

-- SUPPORTED THE STRUGGLES OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, SWAPO, AND THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS IN ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA, AND SOUTH AFRICA.  
-- EXPRESSED SOLIDARITY WITH "REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS" IN ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE - A PROCESS WHICH IS DEVELOPING DESPITE "PROVOCATIONS CARRIED OUT ON BORDERS OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE ALLIES OF IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM."  
-- CALLED FOR RAPID ESTABLISHMENT OF DURABLE PEACE IN HORN OF AFRICA (ON BASIS OF STANDARD PRINCIPLES OF NON-INTERFERENCE, ETC.) AND CONDEMNED "ATTEMPTS OF INTERNATIONAL REACTION" TO SLOW THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION

OF RELATIONS AND TO MAINTAIN CENTERS OF TENSION IN HORN.

6. WITH REGARD TO ASIA, THE TWO SIDES:

-- SUPPORTED THE "JUST DEMANDS" OF NORTH KOREA FOR  
TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTH KOREA AND FOR THE PEACEFUL  
REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY.

-- CAME OUT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF RELATIONS WITH  
CHINA ON THE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE, BUT  
THEN PROCEEDED TO "DECISIVELY CONDEMN" THE COURSE OF  
THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP (IN LEAGUE WITH THE "MOST  
REACTIONARY REGIMES IN AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA") FOR  
UNDERMINING THE SOLIDARITY BETWEEN THE SOCIALIST  
COUNTRIES AND LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. THE TWO SIDES,  
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SAYS THE COMMUNIQUE, WILL RESIST THE

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"ADVENTURISTIC, GREAT POWER, HEGEMONISTIC" COURSE OF

PEKING WHICH IS HOSTILE TO SOCIALISM AND WHICH HAS  
CREATED A THREAT TO THE WORLD AND TO INTERNATIONAL  
SECURITY.

7. COMMENT: MOST OF THIS ALL-INCLUSIVE RHETORIC SPEAKS  
FOR ITSELF. AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED, THE OVERALL TONE OF  
THE COMMUNIQUE SEEMS TO BE SLIGHTLY LESS MILITANT -  
ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO CONTINUED SOVIET-CUBAN  
INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICA - THAN WERE THE APRIL 18 DINNER  
SPEECHES EXCHANGED BY GROMYKO AND MALMIERCA. NO HINT  
EMERGES FROM THIS DOCUMENT OF THE TOUCH OF COOLNESS  
SUGGESTED IN PREVIOUS MEDIA REPORTS (REFTELS).

8. WE ARE STRUCK BY THE RATHER APPREHENSIVE TONE WITH  
WHICH THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND THE VI NAM CONFERENCE  
IS DISCUSSED. WE GATHER FROM OTHER REPORTS THAT SOME  
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MEMBERS OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT MAY BE UNEASY OVER  
CUBA'S AFRICAN POLICY. THIS COMMUNIQUE REFERENCE MAY  
THEREFORE INDICATE A GROWING CUBAN AWARENESS OF THE REAL  
PROBLEMS THEY MAY FACE IN THIS REGARD. TOON

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